

IN SENATE "MILL"

Bill for Physical Examination of All School Children.

Parents Will Be Warned Even Against Bad Teeth.

ATTEMPT FOR CONVICT LABOR.

Senator Bowman Would Work Them on Highways.

Overfield Wants Municipal Band Concerts in Kansas.

The most important measure affecting public schools in Kansas was introduced in the senate Monday afternoon by J. W. Howe, senator from Dickinson county. This bill required the school boards of cities of the first class in Kansas to appoint every year a physician to be known as "health supervisor." The health supervisor will see that the school buildings, grounds and equipment are kept in sanitary condition and that all children entering the schools, as well as teachers, are examined for diseases both physical and mental.

The children are to be examined for physical defects not only upon entering school but upon complaint or information of the teacher and instructor. The pupils will be examined not only upon signs of dangerous and contagious diseases like tuberculosis, smallpox, diphtheria, etc., but defects in sight and hearing will be watched. Also malnutrition, enlarged tonsils and decayed teeth. Reports on these troubles will be made to the school authorities and to the parents or guardians of the children.

Another attempt will be made by the senate to pass a bill giving counties the right to work convicts on the public roads and streets. Noah Bowman, of Anderson county, offered the bill this time. The last measure was submitted by the senate Monday afternoon. The Bowman bill allows the warden of the penitentiary to send to a county a detachment of prisoners for road building or for work on the streets of cities and towns. The county commissioners will furnish the expense of guarding the convicts and will furnish the materials and the tools. An additional cost of 50 cents a day to each prisoner to be used by the county for those dependent upon him is to be paid by the county commissioners.

The convicts will not be allowed to do skilled labor. The building of bridges must be given to regular workers. If the prisoners are on good behavior during the time they are on the roads they are to be given one day out of three in good time by the warden.

Following the example of Topeka and other cities of the first class that furnish free open air band concerts to their citizens, a bill was introduced Monday, Feb. 18, by Senator Overfield, of Independence, is author of the bill in the senate. A levy of one-fourth mill on every \$100 of assessed valuation is the amount to be allowed the second class cities of the state.

Senator Simpson, of McPherson county, would allow the juvenile courts of the state to turn over to the parents of dependent and neglected children enough money for their care. This would apply to children in the state under the age of 16 years. It would enable children of this character to be kept at home and given additional care.

The state printer is due for more work. Senator Davis, of Bourbon county, has introduced a bill to the senate, calling for a uniform record and report system for the schools of the state. This new plan is to be worked out by a committee of three competent educators to be appointed by the state board of education. Within a year this board is to devise a system of records and reports and the state printer will be given the "copy." It is anticipated that it will save the state thousands of dollars annually and will place the schools on a more uniform basis.

Senator Price, of Clark county, has a measure giving the counties of the state authority to go to another county for the appointment or election of a surveyor. The present law insists that a surveyor must be chosen from the home county. In many of the smaller districts no competent engineers can be found. The Price bill would give the authorities power to go into another county for their official.

Senator Bowman, of Anderson county, has made one more attempt to open the doors of the banks to the tax commission and the assessors of the counties and cities of the state. He has introduced a bill repealing a section of the statutes of 1909 which exempts books, papers and records of a bank from inspection by the tax collectors. Senator Bowman's first speech in this session of the legislature was directed against the "tax dodger" who hides his treasures in the banks. The Anderson county member will find a strong band of enemies in the senate waiting for his measure.

The bill poster bill is in-it came almost too late for this session of the senate. It is fathered by Senator Staveland, of Osage county, and is an attempt to repeal a law passed in 1909.

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Washington, Feb. 18.—President Taft is plainly worried by the fact that although he has only 17 more days to serve in the White House the situation in Mexico shows little signs of becoming less troublesome. The president has no desire to leave over for Mr. Wilson the settlement of this country's relations with Mexico, but he is decidedly opposed to taking any measures himself unless extreme provocation and wholesale murder of Americans drive him to it.

The president told friends today that he realized what a difficult thing it would be for a new administration to gather up the reigns of government and understand the conditions in the southern republic in a few weeks or in a few months. He believes he would take at least six months for Mr. Wilson and his cabinet to grasp details of diplomatic negotiation of troop and battle-ship movements and of internal acrimony that he and his cabinet have acquired in the past few years.

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Night sessions of the cabinet to consider the developments from Mexico will not be held in the future. Several of the president's cabinet suggested to him today that these meetings might be misunderstood throughout the United States. Their significance might be magnified. The cabinet officers felt that the frequent reports of these late meetings, which apparently brought in tangible action, might lead to a suspicion that the "lid" had been clamped down; that the public was being misled and that back of them many secret orders were being framed and executed from the White House.

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PUBLIC BUILDING BILL.

Republicans Denounce Democrat Pork Barrel of \$25,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 18.—After acrimonious debate the house passed the public buildings bill, authorizing the construction of \$25,000,000 worth of public buildings throughout the country. Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the house appropriation committee, and Representative Hardwick of Georgia, vigorously attacked the Democrat side for their support of the bill.

The sham economists who have been advocating public buildings bills which fasten obligations upon the treasury," declared Mr. Fitzgerald, "should be quiet talking economy of money and not trying to stop the authorization of public buildings. It is not the expenditure of large sums of public money. I denounce as indefensible the expenditure of passing a public building bill. It ties together everybody with an item in it and makes it impossible to give close scrutiny and attention to the bill. I understand this bill has been so scientifically prepared that it cannot be defeated."

Representative Hardwick was bitter in his denunciation of the bill. "I believe," he declared, "that the worst bill of its kind ever reported to an American house of representatives. I do not think that in the palmiest days of the country there was a more extravagant expenditure of money than this."

The bill was passed 154 to 46.

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Unless the administration Democrats figure out a plan that will bring additional revenue into the state treasury the next two years, the taxes in Kansas will jump higher than they have been for years. There is worry among the members of the majority in the senate—and they have been thinking seriously of a warning given them recently by Senator Troutman of Shawnee county. It has been figured out that from the present outlook, the state is facing a deficit of nearly one million dollars in revenue.

The wholesale slashing of burdensome special taxes and the gleeful repealing of the inheritance tax law recently has excited the legislators until they have forgotten the demands that will be made soon upon the state treasury. In the senate the other day Senator Troutman in appealing to the Democrats to aid him in the passage of his new inheritance tax law, told the administration that they were increasing the cost and decreasing the revenue every day by their actions. Here is what they have done.

The inheritance tax law has been repealed. This brought \$200,000 to the state treasury every two years—of this amount \$167,000 came from non-residents and the rest from income tax and rich people. They have no inheritance tax this year—they killed and buried a compromise measure suggested by Senator Troutman. The state treasury would have netted the state \$250,000 every two years toward the support of the administration. Probably 20,000 out of 350,000 voters are affected by an inheritance tax on legacies of \$20,000 and over. Yet the Democrats seem to be getting by with this kind of political maneuvering.

However, a bill has been sent in to the senate late today calling for a legacy tax.

Then there is the mortgage registration bill repealed at this session of the legislature. This measure alone robbed the state treasury of \$600,000 in two years. "Is true the legislature has passed a bill taxing mortgages under the guise of a registration fee—but this will bring only \$125,000 a year into the treasury on account of other expenses.

The corporation tax will be repealed soon—if all signs do not fail in the senate. This will bring only about \$250,000 a year into the treasury. The legislature has been joyfully repealing these laws, which have been the good roads funds, has been another enemy of the taxpayer putting in his good work here and there. Salaries have been raised and new boards have been created while the state treasury has been emptying its pockets. This will have to be made up either by taxes or by the state's revenue.

A few other things are in view—the state fair appropriation at a cost of \$150,000 and a \$100,000 gift in buildings and exhibits to the San Francisco and San Diego fairs.

It will be seen that already nearly a million dollars loss in revenue to the state has been recorded by the legislature. It costs a little more than \$2,000,000 to run the state one year. The average tax levy is about \$2,000,000. The state treasury is reaping from the revenues in fees and the interest on state funds.

This means that it is up to the legislature this year either to discover the source of the revenue lost or by extra fees and taxation or by raising the levy on the lands and personal property of the taxpayers of the state. The Troutman warning came just in time. Beginning this year the administration heads are close together. New revenue device will be the result if the Democrats fulfill their promises to cut down the state taxes. Either a new source of revenue or a big chunk from the appropriations to state institutions.

SIERRAS POET DEAD.

Joaquin Miller Dies After an Eventful Life.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—"Joaquin" Miller, the poet of the Sierras, died in his one-room cabin, which he built with his own hands in the Piedmont hills many years ago. His daughter, Juanita Miller, and his wife were with him. The end came at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with warm sunshine flooding the room where lay the author of "Songs of the Sunland."

Death came slowly upon the venerable poet. He became unconscious Tuesday afternoon, his breathing, which began when he succumbed to an attack of paralysis two years ago. The weakness of old age had crept upon him and although he worked at times, he rarely ventured from "the heights," as he called his mountain retreat.

For many years "the heights," has been a place of retirement. He was a man of many moods. He was a man of many moods. He was a man of many moods.

NOTES OF SENATE.

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Governor Hodges has discovered that the state is needed to run behind in revenues which will necessitate a raise in taxes unless some action is taken in raising the source. The warning from Senator Troutman, of Shawnee county, the other day opened the eyes of the administration.

The applause which greeted the voting down of the Troutman substitute for the old inheritance law recently has died away. Now it is time to face the situation. Senator Troutman, of Shawnee county, to conduct an enthusiasm party of his own. Not only have the Democrats been forced to come out in a legacy tax but they have been placed in the position of having their own names signed to the bill that will become effective in the state.

Senator Klein, of Allen county, has offered a bill in the senate requiring contractors to guarantee for four years all stone, steel and concrete bridges they build in the state. Defects of design, workmanship and construction must be supported by a four-year test.

With only five minutes to spare the lumber trust of Kansas was scored in a bill introduced by Senator Klein of Allen county. A few minutes before the clock struck 12—the time when all introductions of bills should cease—the Klein measure came to the floor. It provides severe penalties for lumber companies in the state discriminating between localities in prices of their product excepting the rates of transportation and other incidental necessary standard expenses.

Before the session closes the senate this year will have placed at least 100 more bills in the hopper than were introduced last year. At noon today the senate and house agreed to stop the offering of all measures until the acceptance of committee and appropriation bills. Senator Milton of Wyandotte slipped in the last bill, No. 773. The senate will vote on the bill at 8 or 8.30 less than have been offered to date. The committee and appropriation measures will bring the total to at least 600 before the session closes.

Senator Kinkel, of Morris county, the Progressive leader in the senate, introduced a bill this morning recognizing the right of the state to the offering of all measures until the acceptance of committee and appropriation bills. Senator Milton of Wyandotte slipped in the last bill, No. 773. The senate will vote on the bill at 8 or 8.30 less than have been offered to date. The committee and appropriation measures will bring the total to at least 600 before the session closes.

A matron for county jails of the state will be allowed a bill by Senator Troutman, of Shawnee county, passes the legislature. This measure gives the counties of 45,000 inhabitants or more the right to appoint a matron for the county jail. The bill also gives the county the right to buy land and obtain water and electricity, the committee on ways and means recommended that the \$60,000 appropriation be abolished and the money turned over to the general revenue fund of the state.

The first vote on the proposition was nearly fatal. Senator Carey, of Reno, led the Republican vote to retain the \$60,000 appropriation. The vote was 10-10. The measure was then brought back to the floor. The vote was 10-10. The measure was then brought back to the floor. The vote was 10-10.

Senator Williams offered a bill this morning calling for the adoption of adults as well as children in Kansas. The adults are to be adopted and placed on the same privileges as the children.

A county demonstration farm with an appropriation of not to exceed \$20,000 for paying special attention to irrigation has been suggested in the form of a bill by Senator Malone of Rawlston county. The measure would establish these farms upon a vote of the people.

Not voting—Lambertson, Porter.

Senator Simpson has introduced a bill authorizing voluntary admission into the state insane hospitals.

The Staveland moving picture regulation bill was up on third reading this morning. Senator McIntosh, of Leavenworth, and Staveland made eloquent speeches in its behalf. Carney and Waggoner wanted it back in the judiciary committee. Senator Staveland, however, had no objection to its being referred to the committee. The bill was then passed by the senate.

Senator Huffman has asked that the law making it necessary for operators of electric railways to lay planks across bridges and shut off steam when meeting horse drawn vehicles be repealed.

AN EVEN MARKET.

After Flurries From Outside Events.

War and Strike News Play a Part.

BUT IT STEADIED DOWN.

And Even Became Listless in Speculation.

Crop Experts Ridicule Hessian Fly Damage.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—WHEAT—Critical relations between Austria and Russia made the wheat market today stubborn against the bears. Mild weather over the winter crop belt caused a little decline at the outset. The market however soon reacted notwithstanding reassuring statements from the Austrian legation in London.

Opening prices were the same as last night to 1/4 off. May started at 92 1/2 to 92 3/4 unchanged to 1/4 lower, touched 92 1/2 and then advanced to 92 3/4.

Crop experts ridicule of Hessian fly reports eased the markets later. Closing prices were weak with May 1/4 net lower at 92 1/2.

CORN—Liberal offerings of the country weakened corn. May opened 1/4 to 1/2 down at 82 1/2 to 82 3/4, fell to 82 1/2 and rallied to 82 3/4.

Slimness of eastern demand brought about a setback. The close was easy at 82 1/2 for May, 1/4 under last night.

OATS—Oats recovered when firmness developed in the wheat market. May, which started unchanged to a shade lower at 34 1/2 to 34 3/4 and sold at 34 1/2 and 34 3/4.

WHEAT—May, 92 1/2 to 92 3/4; July, 91 1/2 to 91 3/4; Sept., 90 1/2 to 90 3/4.

CORN—May, 82 1/2 to 82 3/4; July, 81 1/2 to 81 3/4; Sept., 80 1/2 to 80 3/4.

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Chicago Grain Market, Feb. 18.

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Kansas City Produce Market.

Kansas City, Feb. 18.—WHEAT—Cash: Market unchanged to 1/4 up. No. 2, 84 1/2 to 85 1/2; No. 3, 84 1/2 to 85 1/2; No. 4, 84 1/2 to 85 1/2.

CORN—Market unchanged to 1/4 up. No. 2, 42 1/2 to 43 1/2; No. 3, 42 1/2 to 43 1/2; No. 4, 42 1/2 to 43 1/2.

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Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—BUTTER—Market firm. Creamery, firm; creameries, 28c to 29c.

EGGS—Market weak. Receipts 9,240 cases at market cases included, 17 1/2 to 18 1/2; firsts, 17 1/2 to 18 1/2; second, 17 1/2 to 18 1/2.

POTATOES—Market weak. Receipts 58 cars. Michigan, 45c to 46c; Minnesota, 46c to 47c; Wisconsin, 47c to 48c.

New York Produce Market.

New York, Feb. 18.—BUTTER—Market firm. Creamery extras, 30c to 31c; creamery, 29c to 30c.

CHEESE—Market steady. State whole milk, winter white specials, 15 1/2 to 16 1/2; EGGS—Market firm. Fresh gathered, 20c to 21c; firsts, 20c to 21c; second, 19c to 20c.

POULTRY—Alive, weak; turkeys, 16c to 17c; chickens, 14c to 15c; springs, 14c to 15c.

New York Stock Market.

Wall St., New York, Feb. 18.—STOCKS—Moderate strength was shown by the stock market during the morning although the movement appeared to be based rather upon an overvalued condition than upon an important change in underlying conditions.

Traders were encouraged by news that the threatened strike of firemen had been averted but the demand caused by this development was not satisfied and speculation became listless.

Improvement in the standard stocks was offset to some extent by a steady selling of long stock in other quarters. The offerings of Goodrich, which was unusually heavy added several points to its slump of yesterday. Woolworth and Underwood also broke badly.

Bonds were irregular.

Price made recovery from yesterday's decline when trading began today. There was a good demand for the specialties, favoring favorites like Reading and Steel, each of which gained a point. Canadian Pacific and Illinois Central rose 1/2 and 1/4.

Reactions fell off sharply later in the day. Reactions ran from 1 to 1 1/2 and Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern preferred and American Telephone sold below yesterday's prices. Little sale left of the early rally in other issues.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

The following sales were made this morning at the stock yards, Kansas City, and reported over long distance telephone direct to the State Journal by the Kansas City stock commission merchants, with offices at all markets.

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